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SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" In view of the answer given on the floor of the House on the 22nd December 1949, I would like to know whether this poilcy which is now enunciated by the Hon. the Chief Minister is a new policy or whether it is the old policy of the then Government? On the 22nd December 1949, Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao asked whether it was one of the conditions of the assignments that the political sufferer should continue to belong to the Congress Party and the Hon. Sri H. Sitarama Reddi answered ' Yes.'. And this is what happened afterwards ? I shall read the relevant portion from the proceedings of the Conucil."

'JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that this Government on the floor of the House said, some time back, that even though people do not at present belong to the Congress, they would nevertheless get assignment of lands if they are political sufferers ? "

'THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Subsequent to that, or previous to that—I do not remember when—orders were passed saying that they must continue to belong to the Congress organization."

" Then the Hon. Minister made the following statement in reply to janab Abdul Latif Farookhi's question whether the Government had stated that lands would be assigned even though they did not belong to the Congress party and there was then no question of continuance of loyalty to the party.

'I believe I made that statement soon after my assuming office. Probably, I made a mistake then. For some time after that, or I believe, even before I made that statement, there was an order which said that a man should continue to be loyal to the Congress party before he qualified himself as a political sufferer to get an assignment of land to him. Sir, if my previous statement had caused a misapprehension on the matter, I take this opportunity to clearly state that it is necessary that a political sufferer should continue to be loyal to the Congress party to get an assignment of land to him.'

" In view of the categorical statement made on the floor of the House, may I ask whether the policy now enunciated by the Hon. the Chief Minister represents a change in policy? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member knows that the policy, the details of which he has referred to is dead and it is no longer in force. If what has been read truly represented the policy of the Government, I do not know under what circumstances the Minister concerned was led to make such an answer; but so far as I am concerned and this Government are concerned, there is no such policy and I cannot explain things done by the previous Ministry, with reference to a policy which is no longer alive."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" In that case, will the Hon. the Chief Minister reconsider all these applications which were rejected on the ground that the applicants did not belong to the Congress party? It was stated on the floor of the House that Mr. E. V. Ramasami Periyar who was one of the applicants was not given an assignment of land for the reason that he did not belong to the Congress party though at the time he was in the movement he belonged to the organization. Will the Hon. the

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Chief Minister reconsider all such applications including that of Mr. E. V. Ramasami Periyar? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" With due deference to the hon. Member, I do not think that these are all supplementary questions; he is intelligent enough to know that we have decided not to make any such assignment and so, there is no question of reconsidering old requests on the basis to which he has now referred. It is merely a debating point and the hon. Member must rest content that whoever may apply now, under the present policy, even if the member belongs to the Congress party twice or thrice over, he cannot get it and there is no question of reconsidering orders of rejection."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" May I ask, Sir, what the use is of saying that they will not get any assignment now so long as 11,000 assignments have been made and they are left undisturbed? So long as these assignments are allowed to remain in the hands of these political sufferers, he will be taken by the public to acquiesce in the lands passing into the hands of Congress political sufferers."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" I am grateful for the observation of the hon. Member; but I have not heard any complaint regarding that."

Community Projects in the rural areas.

* 21 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Community Projects are proposed to be carried out in the rural areas of this State and if so, how many such projects are proposed to be commenced and at what centres;

(*b*) what the estimated cost of the schemes is and what part of the cost is proposed to be borne by America and what part by this State Government; and

(*c*) what the details and particulars relating to each of the Community Projects in this State are and how long the Projects will take to be completed?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) Six Community Projects are proposed to be executed at the following places:—

(1) Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal Area (Kurnool, Sirvel, Nandyal, Nandikotkur and Koilkuntla in Kurnool district and Cuddapah, Proddatur and Jammalamadugu in Cuddapah district).

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(2) Coimbatore (Gobichettipalayam, Erode, Bhavani and Dharapuram).

(3) Malabar (Palghat).

(4) East Godavari (Kakinada, Ramachandrapuram, Peddapuram and Pithapuram).

(5) South Kanara (Karkal, Mangalore and Coondapoor).

(6) Madurai (Nilakottai, Melur and Mathurai).

" (b) According to the draft outline of the Community Projects basic type, each project is estimated to cost Rs. 65 lakhs during the first three years. The Government of U.S.A. have agreed to contribute a sum of Rs. 50 million dollars for the execution of all the Projects in India which are 55 in number. The share of expenditure on each project by the State Government is estimated at about Rs. 12 lakhs for the first three years.

" (c) The work is now in the preliminary stage of survey of existing amenities and facilities in the selected areas. Schemes have to be prepared on that varying basis. The projects are to be completed within a period of three years from commencement."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know whether the State Government have heard anything from the Union Government as to what the United States of America expect by way of return for the money expended by them? " 4-15 p.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no question of communication, Sir. They expect no return."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" In that case, may I know, how this giving away something for nothing by the Americans is to be reconciled with their principle that the greatest motive force in the world is self-interest? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I do not think Sir, you will ask me to answer that question."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Have the Government considered the desirability of informing the Government of India that these Projects had better be stopped with a view to prevent charges of ingratitude later on, if this country did not take kindly to the American way of life? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" This matter, Sir, is totally outside the scope of this House and if the policy of the Government of India does not please my hon. Friend, he is entitled to correspond with the Prime Minister of India on the subject."

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SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" May I know whether this Government have informed the Government of India that it hurts the self-respect of the people of this country to accept charity from other countries? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" If the hon. Member had doubts as to our own self-respect in this matter, I would have thought he would have begun with it instead of charging the Americans with inconsistency with their own doctrine.

" As regards our self-respect, Sir, it is a matter that may be left to the two Governments and, I am sure, the self-respect of both the Government of India and the Government of Madras will be carefully guarded by the respective Governments in charge."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" The Hon. Chief Minister just now said that each scheme would cost Rs. 12 lakhs to this State. May I know how much of it will go towards salaries to officials? There is a Director put in charge of Community Projects who is paid about Rs. 2,000 a month and the whole of the expenditure on that Director is payable out of State revenues."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" The hon. Member will be entitled to go into all the expenditure when the scheme is ready but I may inform him straightaway that all Governmental efforts in any department of welfare must involve expenditure on the human material that is employed for running the efforts and any payment made for human effort is not a waste. If we analyse any scheme, everything will come to payment for human services."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" I find from the Budget Estimate that provision has been made for a Director of Community Projects on the scale of Rs. 2,500 with a special pay of Rs. 200. How does the Hon. Chief Minister justify such a big salary for a person who, after all, is supposed to be in charge of Rural Community Projects? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" This is not a demand for information. It is a demand for my opinion. That I did it is enough to show that I justify it."

Appointment of the Deputy Director of Medical Services.

* 22 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the previous appointments held by the present Deputy Director of Medical Services and his total service in the department;